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## NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED DOWN SLIGHTLY

LINCOLN, Neb., January 25, 2008 -- Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.53 million cattle on feed on January 1, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. This inventory was down slightly from last year but 4 percent above January 1, 2006.

Placements during December totaled 355,000 head, down 9 percent from last year but 1 percent above December 2005.

Fed cattle marketings for the month of December totaled 335,000 head, down 4 percent from last year but 10 percent above December two years ago. Other disappearance during December 2007 totaled 10,000 head, compared with 10,000 head in 2006 and 15,000 head two years ago.

## U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 1 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 12.1 million head on January 1, 2008. The inventory was 1 percent above January 1, 2007 and 2 percent above January 1, 2006. This is the highest January 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.70 million, 1 percent below 2006 and 10 percent below 2005.

Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.65 million, 1 percent above 2006 but 4 percent below 2005. This is the second lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of December since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 58,000 during December, 34 percent below 2006 and 36 percent below 2005.

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